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Council rejects 'emergency' at golf course

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AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council Monday night rejected an emergency preamble that would have allowed the Agawam Municipal Golf Course to enter into a lease agreement with Club Car Enterprises and provided new golf carts for the course.

Immediately after the preamble was read into record and opened for discussion, Council Anthony Suffriti questioned the “emergency” of having to get new golf carts.

“What makes recreational golf carts an emergency?” said Suffriti. “What harm will come without this?”

Councilors Rosemary Sandlin and Gina Letellier also questioned how the carts qualified as an emergency.

“I don’t think this is worthy of an emergency preamble,” said Letellier.

Council President Christopher Johnson responded, saying it was to avoid a special meeting to be scheduled.

“Quite frankly, it was so we did not have to schedule a special meeting,” Johnson said.

The city council only meets once a month during the months of July and August, so certain agenda items can take up to two months before they are acted on because of the typical old business, new business process the council

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The currently fleet of carts is currently in disrepair, requiring replacement. The city council rejected an emergency motion to push a lease agreement through on Monday. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Second 'half' begins



AGAWAM – Traffic flows from the completed side of the new Morgan-Sullivan Bridge. Traffic has been switched from one side to the other during the past week. Construction has begun on the other half of the bridge, which is supposed to be completed last next year. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Town seeks funding for electric car charge stations

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AGAWAM – In an effort to continue its pursuit of providing green alternatives for the town, Mayor William Sapelli is looking to spend \$31,895 to build four electrical motor vehicle charging stations in town.

The Town obtained green community status from the state four years ago after adopting the stretch building code, thus completing the steps necessary receive funding from the state for various programs.

Three charging stations were installed last year and Voltrek, the vendor that installed the stations, has submitted a bid to install four more.

The proposed locations for the charging stations are School Street Park, the Agawam Dog Park (in Shea Park), the Agawam Senior Center, and Agawam High School.

According to Sapelli’s submission, there is more than \$110,476 in the energy management stabilization fund, and he is looking

to use that fund to pay for the charging stations. The fund was created in 2018 by a vote of the city council in order dedicate money toward energy conservation and other green projects.

According to the town, there is already infrastructure is already in space to install the stations.

“The Town took advantage of a temporary incentive from Eversource with previous installations where Eversource paid half the cost,” City Solicitor Stephen Buoniconti said. “The expectations is that these seven locations will be sufficient in the long term with no new locations proposed in the near future.”

The other three charging stations are located on spray park side of School Street Park, the Agawam Public Library, and Borgatti Park.

The charging stations come with two chargers attached.

The city council will be able to vote on the Voltrek estimate at its Aug. 3 meeting, and the units would be subsequently ordered after its passage.



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ARREST LOG

There were no arrests recorded during the past week.

Couple celebrates anniversary



AGAWAM – Family and friends of Alberic and Jeannette Brisson, who are residents at Heritage Woods Senior Living, helped celebrate the couple's 68th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 12 at 2 p.m. Dozens of cars paraded around Heritage Woods at 462 Main Street, Agawam in an anniversary parade.



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Agawam Library now open to the public by appointment

AGAWAM – The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that the library will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, by appointment. We are moving forward into Phase 3 of our re-opening plan in accordance with State and Local guidance.

Beginning Monday, July 13, appointments are available during normal hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Visitors are asked to call the library to make a 45-minute appointment to browse the library's collections or use a computer. The library will be closed to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with staff in the building to assist you by phone and email. Items will be delivered via curbside pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The library will be thoroughly cleaned while the library is closed to the public.

When you come in, you will notice less furniture out on the floor. The furniture is being stored in the Community Room to maximize social distancing guidance and increase your safety while using the building. All of our magazines, including the newest issue are available to circulate immediately. We are keeping newspapers on the shelf for browsing, but patrons who choose to read them should wash their hand immediately after use, as there is no effective way to sanitize them between uses. For the short term, library card catalog computers and self-checkouts will not be in service in order to limit the amount of cleaning that needs to be done throughout the day. For your convenience, the exterior book drops are open 24/7. All returned

items are quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in, so you will notice that the items are still on your card even after you've dropped them off. For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the library is waiving all overdue fees, so there is no need to worry about charges on your library record from overdue books.

Our visitors are required to wear a face covering in the library at all times. Please do not visit if you currently have or have had a cough, fever, shortness of breath or are feeling unwell. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the library and social distancing signage is placed throughout the building to ensure patron and staff safety. If you are unable to wear a face covering, or are unsure if you are ready to visit the library in person, call us to ask about convenient home delivery for Agawam and Feeding Hills residents.

To visit in person, patrons should call the library to make an appointment to browse collections or use computers. We are hoping to be as flexible and accommodating as we can during this time. Our goal is to have as many people access the library as we can while keeping our staff and patrons safe. We welcome walk-ins, but patrons may be asked to wait if the library is busy. Calling ahead is encouraged.

Library staff are always available to answer your questions by phone and email. Please continue to use libstaff@agawam.ma.us for questions. Or you can reach the library by phone 413-789-1550.

Scouts schedule next bottle drive

AGAWAM – Troop 82 of Agawam will be conducting a bottle & can drive Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. After being forced to cancel their annual pancake breakfast this spring, the Troop has turned to a bottle & can drive to be their major fundraiser this year. Funds raised will be used for troop activities, training, and gear.

Founded in 1960, Troop 82 is Agawam's longest running Boy Scout troop. Troop 82 has a year-round program and accepts new members at any time.

Scouts will follow current safety guidelines and can remove donations from your vehicle. They are also offering no contact pick up of donations before July 18 if desired. Please email troop82agawam@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Utility urges residents not to ignore the smell of gas

WESTBOROUGH – As part of its ongoing public awareness campaign, Columbia Gas of Massachusetts reminds the public what they can do to help prevent harm from gas leaks.

Columbia Gas of Massachusetts delivers natural gas to nearly 325,000 customers through an underground pipeline network of nearly 5,000 miles of gas mains and more than 260,000 gas services. While the largest single cause of pipeline failures is the result of homeowners and professional excavators damaging underground lines, natural gas leaks can also cause harm. Gas leaks may be caused by loose fittings, appliance connections, material failure, accidental damage or corrosion.

It is important to look, listen and smell to detect natural gas leaks and then take action.

The utility advises folks to watch for bubbling water or dirt blowing the ground near a natural gas line, as that may indicate the release of gas from an underground pipeline. If folks hear hissing, blowing or roaring sounds, such noises may be a sign of a safety hazard as well. Due to the odorless and colorless nature of natural gas, Columbia Gas adds

Mercaptan, which smells like rotten eggs. The presence of this odor is another warning sign of a potential hazard.

Those who smell "rotten eggs" or detect a natural gas leak are advised to immediately leave the area. When safely away from the location, dial 911 and Columbia Gas of Massachusetts at 800-525-8222.

Additionally, folks should warn others to avoid the area, leave doors and windows in their present condition and avoid using anything that could cause ignition, including lighters, cellphones and electrical switches. Folks should not operate pipeline valves or attempt to correct leaks themselves.

"At Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, providing safe reliable natural gas service is our top priority," said Martin Poulin, vice president and general manager. "Any person who smells 'rotten egg' or detects a potential leak should immediately leave the area and then call 911 and the gas company. By taking these steps we can keep Massachusetts a safe place to live and work."

To learn more about natural gas safety, visit www.ColumbiaGasMA.com.

Applause series ends amid pandemic

The Cultural Council is looking for donations for the next season

AGAWAM – Six months of fundraising by the Agawam Cultural Council in support of season seventeen of its popular Applause Series abruptly came to an end this spring as everything shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic. Normally, freewill donations at these "first Friday" events would cover any shortfall. However, with only "virtual" performances on the schedule, the opportunity to collect the \$650 difference a few dollars at a time has been eliminated.

Sheila of Agawam was the first to commit her Hamilton to the cause. The Council is now challenging 64 like-minded members of the community to help raise the amount needed to fully fund the upcoming season – in \$10 increments – though larger amounts are certainly welcome! Whatever amount you can provide will be gratefully appreciated.

Please make your check out to the Agawam Cultural Council and send to Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Make sure to include an email so that we may ac-

knowledge your contribution.

Since 2004, the Applause Series has hosted more than 130+ musicians, artists, authors, actors, photographers, children's productions, historians, and others at Friday evening presentations that outgrew the Agawam Public Library, prompting a move to larger quarters at the Agawam Senior Center in order to accommodate its growing audience.

The seventeenth season of the Applause Series, consisting of twelve events, begins Friday, September 4, 2020 and will end Friday, June 4, 2021. All events will be broadcast on Agawam Comcast Channel 15 and streamed on www.agawammedia.tv until public performances can be held safely. More information can be found at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities. There is no charge to join or to serve in the Council.

Food drive set for this weekend

AGAWAM – There will be a food drive held at Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, July 18. Agawam Congregational Church is located at 745 Main St., and the drive will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Accepted will be non-perishables, canned goods, pasta, cold cereal, peanut butter, and soup.

Agawam resident honored by realty

Tim Coughlen, of Agawam, was named one of the Agents of the second quarter by Park Square Realty for 2020.



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Career coach to discuss transitioning in uncertainty

WILBRAHAM – Those considering a change in career are invited to participate in a remote workshop with a certified career coach through the Wilbraham Public Library next month.

Led by Anne Crawford, the workshop will take place Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. Crawford will help engage participants to talk about their career objectives, set goals and how to foster a sense of control while looking for a new job. She will discuss how to understand and manage stress as well as how to open doors to other options, moving the employment process forward.

Registration is required and may be completed online at wilbrahamlibrary.org or by calling 596-6141.

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MassDOT announces lane closures on Walnut Street

AGAWAM – MassDOT's contractor will reduce Walnut Street in Agawam to a single lane with alternating traffic on Thursday, July 16, and Friday, July 17, from 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM each day. Police details will help direct traffic around the construction zone and no detours are required. The lane closure is required for shoulder reconstruction.

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Opinion

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The sites and scenes of a car wash

The earliest home site and scene of a car wash is when a toddler picks up a sponge, dips it in a bucket and helps wash the family car. When a parent holds the hose, spraying the car and kids – the work of a car wash becomes fun.

Yet, it seems that past Saturday chore times are being wrung out.

Another popular site and scene is a fundraising car wash. These often charitable, labor-in-

tensive work efforts benefit and bless countless organizations for worthy causes. But, before that event happens, hours of preliminary work takes place: organizing volunteers, finding a good traffic spot with available water outlets, publicity, buying cleaning supplies, welcoming cars, ushering vehicles through the car wash brigade and then afterward, the all-important cleanup.

Other common sites, scenes and sounds of car wash businesses are in nearly every town and definitely in all cities complete with automated car wash systems and helpful operators. Vehicles glide through multiple sprays. Huge-fettuccini-like sponges swath soap. Minutes later: a royal rinse. Seconds later: a mammoth blow-dry. Next: your vehicle slides out of the tunnel sparkling clean.

The earliest industrial, car wash site and scene began in Detroit, Michigan in 1914, where the first cars were pushed through a garage and hand washed. That car washing idea became so popular that within decades more businesses opened up. Over the years more developments: automatic conveyor-belt systems, soap sprayers, brushes and powerful blow dryers, and even car wax options.

Back on a local level, every time we glide through an automatic car wash – especially when fettuccini-like sponges are washing the windshield and side windows – a unique car washing memory surfaces.

It happened years ago. After taking a dear, deaf senior friend on errands, I told her that I'd like to get my car washed. Although we often communicated through writing, this time "Car. Wash" seemed easy to explain. So with my limited sign language ability I signed: "Car. Wash." (I tried hand washing gestures for wash and steering wheel motions to show driving.) She nodded her head in approval. And, as always she appeared eager to learn something new.

Sitting beside me in the front seat, she enjoyed every moment. Surprised! Delighted! Amazed at sponges, soaps, water streams, and a vibrating blow dry! As my little car glided along, we giggled like young girls in a pool of puddles.

But, the most unusual car wash episode thankfully has not happened. Well, not yet.

After going through a local, fully automated car wash recently, the conversation flowed something like this:

"The car looks so much better! The green pollen that was all over the windshield is gone!" said The Hub.

"Great. And, every time we go through a car wash, I remember how Janie liked it."

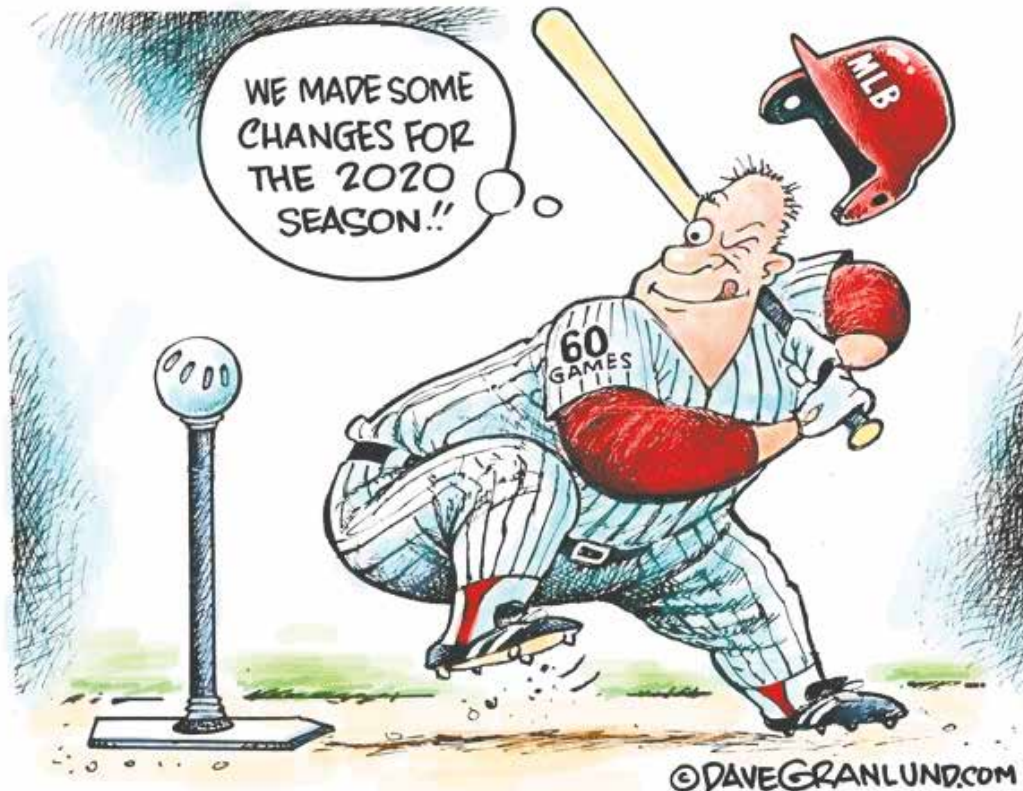
"Great memories! 'Been thinkin'... Maybe on the next hot, humid day – if we dressed for the occasion – we could open the car windows ..."

Roof-raising laughter exploded at such an improbable thought. But the imagined shower, shampoo and massive blow dry was absolutely hilarious. And, thus an imagined car wash scenario inspired the sites and scenes of a car wash.

GUEST COLUMNIST



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Zucchini, zucchini and more zucchini

Today, the girls and I made a double batch of zucchini bread. This treat signals that summer is at its peak and so is the zucchini harvest! I usually think that if I make four loaves, two can go in the freezer. Typically, however, we devour the bread so fast it doesn't seem logical freeze any for later use when we can enjoy it now. I am hoping for a typical abundant harvest. Here is how to deal with lots and lots of this versatile vegetable.

Store it. Zucchini will keep in the refrigerator for at least one week. Smaller squashes are more flavorful, and less seedy than their overgrown counterparts. Harvest when the fruits are six inches long or less, and still narrow. It is likely that baseball bat-sized squashes will develop now and then, especially if you are away from the garden for a few days. Don't worry; they can be used in most recipes that call for zucchini, although you may wish to remove the largest seeds first as they have a tendency to get tough and chewy.

Freeze it. Simply shred whole zucchinis, skin and all. Drain in a colander to remove excess liquid and pack in containers or freezer bags. Nothing beats zucchini bread in the middle of winter. It is helpful to freeze in amounts compatible with your recipe; in other words if you need two cups to make bread, freeze in two cup portions.

If fried veggies are a favorite treat, you can freeze raw, peeled zucchini sections after coating them with bread crumbs. First, freeze them on a plate or cookie sheet, then, pack in freezer bags with as much air removed as possible. Fry up at a later date. I have never been very successful freezing blanched zucchini slices. Experiment yourself and maybe you will have better luck.

Steam it. Who likes soggy zucchini? No one. Cut

in slices one quarter of an inch thick and steam for a mere two or three minutes. Sprinkle with dill or lemon juice and thyme for a wonderful summer side dish. One trick I have found to prevent sogginess is to dump out your steaming water then let the zucchini sit on the hot pan for a bit before eating.

Stuff it. Here is the perfect use for the aforementioned baseball bat-sized quash. Making zucchini boats are my sister-in-law Janice's favorite way to utilize the vegetable. I can always count on her to take a few biggies off my hands. With a spoon hollow out the seed cavity. Stuff it with a mixture of cooked rice, sauce and ground beef or turkey. Top with shredded cheese and bake until it bubbles. Yummy! Put a Mexican spin on this recipe by using black beans, salsa and taco cheese along with brown rice in place of the other ingredients. Freeze individual portions of this dish for a quick dinner.

Bake with it. Zucchini bread and muffins are one thing, but double chocolate zucchini cake? Yes, and there are more enticing dessert recipes where that came from. Consult your local library or the internet for other mouth-watering selections. One pointer: drain shredded zucchini well before using in any recipe. Place it in a colander and apply pressure with clean hands or a large mixing spoon. Squeeze all the liquid right out of it. This way your desserts will be moist, but not soggy.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

COVID response grants target homelessness, disabilities

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has announced new grants to 36 local nonprofits through the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley totaling \$785,000, targeting food insecurity, homelessness, those with disabilities and summer programs, and addressing immediate needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Including this latest round, the Response Fund has awarded nearly \$4.8 million in grants to nonprofits in Western Massachusetts that are on the front lines of serving vulnerable populations affected by the crisis. The statewide Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund has provided \$2.8 million in funding to support the Community Foundation's response to the pandemic crisis in our region.

Girls Inc. of the Valley, based in Holyoke, is one recipient in the latest grant round using funds to transition to virtual summer programming due to COVID-19. Girls Inc. serves 5-18 year-old girls from the greater Holyoke, Springfield and Chicopee areas and other surrounding towns through after-school and summer programs at little or no cost to families.

Other nonprofits to receive funding include

Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture, Dakin Humane Society, Massachusetts Military Support Foundation, Open Pantry Community Services, Rachel's Table, Community Survival Center, St. Vincent de Paul Society and YMCA of Greater Springfield.

The Response Fund has raised \$6.9 million from 630 donors, including foundations, businesses and individuals, and resources from the statewide Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The Community Foundation is requesting applications from local nonprofits for its continued grant making in the coming weeks and months. Organizations seeking grants for resources due to the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to complete a short online application on the Community Foundation website at <http://communityfoundation.org/request-for-information/>. New grants are awarded every week.

The Community Foundation welcomes additional donations to the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley. All donations go to community needs. Gifts can be made online at www.communityfoundation.org/covid19.

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Trolley museum re-opens

EAST WINDSOR, Conn. – The Connecticut Trolley Museum (CTM) has re-opened part-time and is kicking off its Summer Music Series during the month of July.

The Museum is open Thursday to Saturday (part-time). Visitors will have the opportunity to take a trolley ride, enjoy a guided tour of the Main Hall and take a closer look at the trolleys that are housed in Kelly Storage Barn. Admission Tickets must be purchased in advance as this will help the Museum best control the amount of visitors on campus at one time, as well as schedule the staff and volunteers most effectively.

The Museum will be hosting live music in the courtyard on Friday nights in July. The schedule is as follows: July 17, New Earth, July 24, The Aquatudes, and July 31, JustJeannie. A Trolley ride is included with your admission ticket. Everyone will be practicing social distancing and the Museum will have designated marked areas for you to enjoy the music. Please bring your own lawn chair for sitting while listening to the

music. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled trolley ride or come at 6pm for the start of the live Music. The cost is \$15 per person and half off for museum members.

The Museum has a strict Covid-19 Visitor Policy which follow the State of Connecticut Guidelines and can be found at www.ct-trolley.org. Masks must be worn at all times and a 6 foot distance between visitors.

Become a new Museum Member and receive 18 months of Membership for the price of 12 months. For prices on membership and to purchase tickets visit www.ct-trolley.org or call the Museum at 860-627-6540.

General admission prices are \$10 per person (Museum Members free of charge) and \$15 per person for the Summer Music Series (Museum Members half off). For more information visit www.ct-trolley.org or call 860-627-6540. The Connecticut Trolley Museum is located at 58 North Road (Rt. 140) and is 15 minutes north of Hartford and 15 minutes south of Springfield.



The Connecticut Trolley museum will be re-opened with limited hours and capacity. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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More Junior High awards

AGAWAM – Teachers from Agawam Junior High School joined forces and toured the town giving out end-of-school-year awards. Last month, a bus carrying the teachers went door-to-door greeting students they have not been able to see in person for more than three months. Awards went out to dozens of students for various subjects, honor roll, and perfect attendance.



Faith Jodoin is surrounded by her family members. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Canyon Worrell poses with his mom.



Hannah Morris receives her award.



Garrett Smith receives a visit from his teachers.



Patrick Wagner stands proudly with his parents.



Yana Korniyenko shows off her Certificate of Achievement.



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High school league among first sports action in months



Ware's Cam Balicki plays for the Palmer/Monson high school senior league team. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

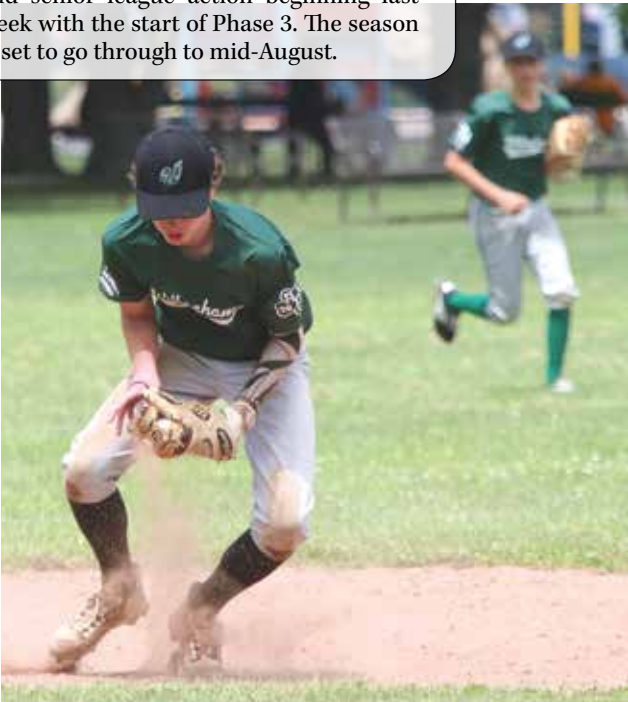


Baseball action is back among high-school age students beginning last week.

REGION – While the American Legion chose not to sponsor any type of season this summer due to the coronavirus pandemic, the players and coaches started a league amongst themselves, with junior and senior league action beginning last week with the start of Phase 3. The season is set to go through to mid-August.



Monson/Palmer runner Trey Yesu takes a lead off second base.



A Wilbraham player makes a play at shortstop.



One of Agawam's junior league pitchers hurls Sunday afternoon.

SUMMER SPORTS

Governor's guidance guts summer sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – A huge blow was dealt to many summer leagues that were looking forward to getting out on the field and participating in games after guidance released from the state effectively cancelled them.

The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League and Spec Pond Summer Basketball League were both the most adversely affected by the state's guidelines and restrictions the summer seasons are now cancelled for hundreds of kids across the region.

The guidance came as a surprise for the leagues as both were preparing to be able to have games once Phase 3 was set to begin.

Brian Litz, who runs the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League, had updated the league website, received team registrations, collected money, and established a full schedule. He was preparing for games to begin last Monday, July 6, when the guidance came down from the state barring soccer and basketball contests as well as lacrosse.

Gov. Charlie Baker's administration stated the three sports involved contact

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The Spec Pond Summer Basketball League had to be canceled due to the pandemic. The governor's administration felt basketball involved too close contact to be allowed at this time. FILE PHOTOS

RACING



David Greenslit gets a victory in the Street Stock event. SUBMITTED PHOTO

David Greenslit takes Street Stock Battle for the Belt victory

By Gary Dutton

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Ben Byrne (Deerfield, Ma) stormed to his second NHSTRA Modified victory of the summer Saturday, July 11, at Monadnock Speedway, topping a stout 21-car field at the storied quarter-mile oval.

With a huge crowd filling the social-distance-spaced grandstands to take in the night's huge fireworks display and six exciting divisions of racing at the high-

banked speedplant, nobody went home disappointed. Except, maybe, Todd Patnode and Chris Davis.

Dave Greenslit (Langdon, NH) made easy work of winning the Street Stock Battle of The Belt series 50-lapper, LMS superstar Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) stayed undefeated on the world, while Pure Stocker Dave Aiken (Claremont, NH) earned his second victory lap of the summer, and Tim Leblanc (Hinsdale, NH)

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that was too close and too frequent to effectively prevent the spread of coronavirus.

While young people are not among the most high-risk population, they have the ability to carry and spread the virus among themselves, which could then spread to other homes and infect older people.

Upon the guidance, which was released last Monday, Litz was forced to cancel the entire season and refund fees back to teams which were prepared to come, wear masks when close together, and have little to no fans in attendance for much of the season.

The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League had not fully established its schedule, but was preparing to move forward with its league with six different divisions and more than 60 teams ready to get back into action.

The PVSSL services high school students who are looking to get back into shape and prepare for the upcoming high school season, which typically starts a couple of weeks after the PVSSL season ends. The PVSSL season typically runs from mid-June to early August, but the Kolodziey family, which run the league, were looking to run a modified scheduled that would have carried the league to mid-August.

Like the Spec Pond league, the there were fewer teams, but they had all paid registrations and were preparing to participate before the news came down that soccer and basketball would be barred as part of the initial part of Phase 3.

According to the basic guidance in the governor's re-open plan, practices and individual workouts in various sports were allowed to happen under Phase 2. Games and other contests were supposed to be able to start with Phase 3, but the original report did not make specifications of which sports would be allowed.

Baseball and softball are being allowed to play contests in Phase 3 and a couple of leagues did begin play last week.



Soccer is another sport labeled at-risk by the state. Thus the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League season was canceled. FILE PHOTOS

Racing to resume in Thompson

THOMPSON, Conn. – Econn Motorsports and Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park announced this week an agreement that will enable oval track racing to continue on the famed 5/8th mile at Thompson, CT. A tentative 2020 schedule has been developed with the first event being an open practice on Wednesday, July 8.

Plans currently call for Econn Motorsports to also host an open practice on Wednesday, August 5. Racing is set to resume with the Bud 150 on Wednesday August 19 and the Sunoco World Series on October 9-11. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is expected to headline both race dates. The parties are exploring the possibility of additional race meets during 2020.

Econn Motorsports is a newly formed race promotion and consulting firm headed by Terry Eames, former General Manager of Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. “The COVID-19 pandemic put oval track racing at Thompson in 2020 at risk. We are proud to announce that the Hoenig family and Econn have found a way for oval track racing to continue during the track’s 80th year and beyond”, Eames said.

Specific details of next week’s practice will be available over the next several days at EconnMotorsports.com. Tickets will only be available online and in advance in keeping with the policies set forth by the State of Connecticut designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

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topped the Mini Stocks; all on Monadnock’s fourth night of 2020 racing.

Rob Richardi and second-generation hot shoe Matt Kimball brought the thundering Mod Squad to the green, with Richardi leading by less than a wheel on the first two go-rounds and then setting a fast pace as Kimball and Brian Chapin went to war behind him.

Close behind them, Trevor Bleau, firing from row four, and Ben Byrne, from row six, were charging forward with four others. Byrne had almost passed Richardi when the caution waved on lap 21, and then completed the task a lap later. Bleau, on a rail, claimed the deuce as lap 28 went in the books, but could advance no further. Richardi held strong to hit the stripe third, just ahead of Kimball and Brian Robie.

Bleau’s fourth top-four of the young season deadlocked him with Robie atop the points parade, while defending track champ Todd Patnode – third in points entering the night’s racing – got taken out in a lap-five jingle, finishing 21st on the night.

Dave Greenslit, the winner of the Battle of The Belt Series’ first event of the summer at Hudson, duplicated that run Friday. Firing from row two, the defending track Street Stock champ immediately took control, inching past Chris Buffone on lap one, and never looked back.

Buffone’s uncle, former Pro Stock ace Tommy O’Sullivan, got up for second on lap 18 but, on this night, it was Greenslit in a runaway, taking the checkers far ahead of O’Sullivan and Buffone, and ending the Curtis family’s three-week stranglehold on Street Stock victory lane.

Cam Curtis, then Justin Littlewood, led the Late Model Sportsmen over the stripe the first four go-rounds, with

Aaron Fellows then inching under Littlewood, taking charge, and simply driving away. Littlewood was strong in second, and Robert Hagar came home third. Fellows has not lost a race at any track so far this year.

Tim LeBlanc, firing from row two, led every lap of the Mini Stock 25-lapper to score his first win of the season. Nathan Wenzel came from row four of the 17-car field to claim the deuce, with Andy Harman nudging past two-time winner Gordon Farnum to earn the three spot.

And in the Pure Stocks, Lady Luck dealt defending track champ Chris Davis a crap hand for the second week in a row. In charge with only two laps to go, Davis dropped suddenly off pace again, this time watching helplessly as Dave Aiken stormed past to score his second win of the summer.

Mike Douglas took the checkers just behind Aiken, with Brandon Lavoie, Kodi Sabins, and Nolan McClay rounding out the top five. Davis coasted to a disappointing tenth-place finish. In a post race inspection, Lavoie was disqualified.

Justin Harris took charge on lap 20 of the Northeast Classic Lites 30-lapper, then sped off to victory ahead of Joey Deguio. Cody Hodgdon earned the bronze, while defending four-time series champ Duane Skofield was a non-factor in this one.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, July 18, when the Mini Stock Battle of The Belt Series comes to town, along with a full card of weekly racing series

events. Advanced Tickets and more information, please visit www.monadnockspeedway.com.

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STREET STOCK (50-lap Battle of The Belt): Dave Greenslit, Tommy O’Sullivan, Chris Buffone, Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Brian Robie, Tim Wenzel, Nathan Wenzel, Mike Radzuik, Hillary Renaud, Ed Lofland, Randy Rameau, Joe Tetreault, Paul Barnard, Robbie Streeter, Steven Dubois, Kenny Thompson, Troy Waterman, Chris Riendeau, Chris Curtis

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A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Judy Sachs** of Longmeadow MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of heirs at law, the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

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27. Legendary actress

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41. Leak slowly through

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23. Public gatherings

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25. Overnight suitcases

26. French river

27. Where boats dock

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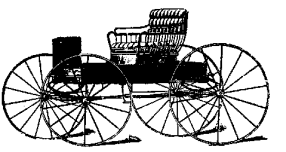
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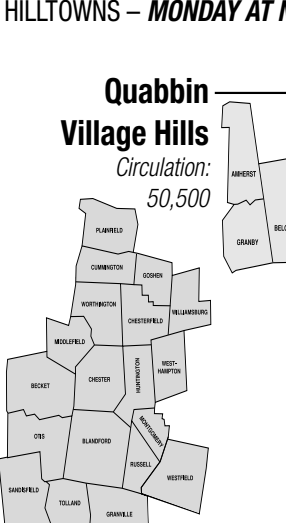
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follows with its business.

According to the preamble and the action item itself, the preamble, there was a timeline on the lease deal from Club Car, making it a time-sensitive item for the town.

The action item also states the current fleet of golf carts are in disrepair and costing the course money.

Sandlin said she does not have an issue with special meetings and does not believe the emergency preamble should be used just to avoid having a special meeting.

“I don’t have an issue with having a special meeting and I won’t be supporting this,” said Sandlin.

Letellier questioned the source of the funds, which is typically supposed to come from the Golf Course Enterprise fund.

According to the action item, the funding would come from receipts for a cell tower that is now placed on golf course land. There is argument about whether those funds should be going to the golf course or the town’s general fund.

The lease was for \$188,563 and would be for 65 carts. It was scheduled to come from “Country Club Enterprises.”

The last set of golf clubs was purchased six years ago, and because of the golf course’s struggles, the funds came from the town’s general fund, which came under great scrutiny from the council at the time.

It led the council to establish an ad hoc Golf Committee and watch the course’s operations much closer in order to ensure town money was not being used again to fund the course. The golf course’s budget is set by the previous year’s receipts each year. Excess fund not spent are kept in the enterprise fund.

Because of the council’s rejection of the emergency preamble, it will now go through the typical council process and was new business on the July 13. Johnson would end up referring it to the Finance Committee. It could be voted on at the council’s Aug. 3 meeting.

Councilor Robert Rossi said he agreed it should go to the meeting.

“This seems more of a convenience than an emergency,” said Rossi.

Councilors Cecilia Calabrese, Letellier, Dino Mercadante, Rossi, Sandlin, and Suffriti voted against the preamble. Johnson, Mario Tedeschi, Gerry Smith, and Paul Cavallo voted in favor of the preamble.

Obituaries

Death Notices

Hoye, William Vincent

Died: July 5, 2020; Military Burial July 17
MA Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery, Agawam

William Vincent Hoye

On July 5, 2020 William Vincent Hoye, age 87, was called home to his Lord and Saviour. Mr. Hoye was preceded in death by his mother Ruth H. Neidel and father Warren F. Hoye, and his sister Cynthia Hoye Neumann. Born on June 30, 1933 in Springfield, Mass, Mr. Hoye passed peacefully at his home in Ft. Mill, SC having celebrated his birthday four days prior with all of his family around him.



Mr. Hoye attended Agawam High School, where he started at left guard on the football team that brought national fame to Agawam when they won the Peanut Bowl in Columbus, GA in 1952. After graduation from high school he went on to serve in the US Army during the Korean War, working in Logistics in Frankfurt, Germany. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Following honorable discharge, Mr. Hoye returned to Springfield, MA as co-owner and Treasurer of Warren F. Hoye Inc, a building materials distribution company.

During his twenties, Bill Hoye joined the University of Massachusetts Campus Crusade for Christ and viewed his greatest accomplishment in life was bringing hundreds of people the good news of eternal life through Christ Jesus. Throughout his life, Bill Hoye exemplified living life to glorify God. He later served in several capacities at Somers Baptist Church, Somers CT.

On February 2, 1974 Mr. Hoye married the love of his life, Marilyn Caldbeck and had two sons, Michael and David. The family expanded to include Bill’s two sons from a previous marriage, Jeffrey and Douglas. Bill adored Marilyn and never lost the twinkle in his eye when she entered the room. He was extremely proud of each of his sons, loved his daughters-in-law and cherished his five grandchildren. Throughout his life, Bill’s greatest joy was his family. He travelled with Marilyn and his sons around the country and around the world.

Bill enjoyed golf and fervently supported UConn womens’ basketball, the Patriots and Red Sox. His excellent memory and gift of storytelling assured that every family gathering was filled with laughter. William V. Hoye leaves a legacy of faith, love and cherished family times.

Mr. Hoye is survived by his wife Marilyn, his sons, daughters-in-law Alison (David), Catharine (Michael) and Carrie (Jeffrey), granddaughters Ayla and Lexi, grandsons Josh, Ben and Zach. A military burial at Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery will be held on July 17th in Agawam. Colonial Forastiere Family Funeral Home is entrusted with final arrangements. www.forastiere.com

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